

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/797,647

Examiner

Monica Lewis

Applicant(s)

MORRISON ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the request for continued examination filed on 12/18/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to claim 16, the prior art fails to disclose the following: a) at least a part of the electrical current isolation slot is coextensive with material of the dielectric film (Note: Figure 4 of Kinsman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,268,650) discloses a slot between substrates (12) and underneath tape (100). However, Kinsman fails to disclose that the slot is coextensive with material of the dielectric film.).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeff M. Michelson on January 19, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 23, line 1 after "claim 16", "further comprising;" has been deleted.

In claim 23, line 2, "a longitudinal slot formed through the electrically conductive layer; and" has been deleted.

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In claim 23, line 3 before “longitudinal”, “a” has been deleted.

In claim 23, line 3 before “longitudinal”, --wherein the first-- has been inserted.

In claim 23, line 3 before “a slot”, “having” has been deleted.

In claim 23, line 3 before “a slot”, --includes-- has been inserted.

In claim 23, line 3 after “wider than the”, --second-- has been inserted.

In claim 24, line 2 after “proximate the”, --second-- has been inserted.

In claim 25, line 2 after “contiguous with the”, --second-- has been inserted.

In claim 26, line 3 before “extends”, “intersects and” has been deleted.

In claim 26, line 3 before “longitudinal”, --second-- has been inserted.

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica Lewis whose telephone number is 571-272-1838. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Zandra Smith can be reached on 571-272-2429. The fax phone number for the organization

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where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular and after final communications.

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January 19, 2007

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